

REMARKS

The Official Action dated March 24, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto. Prior to entry of the foregoing amendment claims 1 through 30 were active in the present application. Claims 1-7, 10-17, 20-27 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0037185 (Davis) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,934,755 (Saulpaugh et al.). Claims 8, 9, 18, 19, 28 and 29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

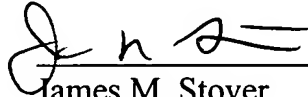
The foregoing amendment requests the cancellation of claims 8, 18, and 28. Independent claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 8, 18, and 28, respectively. Claims 9, 19, and 29 have been amended to correct dependency.

Independent claims 1, 11, and 21, as amended, correspond to original claims 8, 18, and 28, respectively, rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 11, and 21 are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2-7, 9-10, 12-17, 19-20, 22-27, and 29-30, each depend from one of independent claims 1, 11, or 21, and are therefore also believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner, in section 2 of the present Official Action, requested clarification concerning the submission of an assignment document from John Earl Merritt dated after the filing of Applicant's present application. Applicant had overlooked obtaining and filing of this document at the time of the filing of the present application. However, as an employee of NCR Corporation, Mr. Merritt was under the obligation to assign inventions during his employment to NCR Corporation. A copy of Mr. Merritt's employment agreement, executed before invention of the invention described in the present application, and prior to the filing of the present application, will be provided upon request.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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